

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, In 1958, Hugh O'Brian returned from a visit with Dr. Albert Schweitzer and he was inspired to start a youth leadership program that has come to be known as HOBY, the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Program; and,

Whereas, HOBY's mission is to seek out, develop, and recognize leadership potential commencing with high school sophomores, and HOBY's purpose is to teach these individuals "how" to think, not "what" to think; and,

Whereas, The HOBY seminars work to bring today's leaders in touch with tomorrow's leaders, and to prepare the participants to become effective, ethical leaders in their home, schools, workplace, and community; and,

Whereas, The seminar works to improve critical thinking skills, evaluate all issues from a critical perspective, enhance leadership skills, and assist participants to identify their own particular leadership strengths; and,

Whereas, The seminar facilitates discussions on democracy, free enterprise, volunteerism, and community service, and encourages the development of goal-setting by using small group discussion sessions with peers as the dominant learning vehicle; and,

Whereas, The 2010 HOBY Leadership Seminar will be held at Mitchell on the Dakota Wesleyan University campus on June 10-13, 2010, with 130 students from across the state in attendance:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 10-13, 2010, as

HUGH O'BRIAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP SEMINAR DAYS

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

A handwritten signature of M. Michael Rounds.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature of Chris Nelson, Deputy Secretary of State.

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State